

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Presented below is a complete listing of claims in the revised format showing markings as set forth by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 31, 2003:

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B 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for processing text expressions in a computer system, the apparatus comprising:

a user input device for receiving an input text expression from a user;
a parser to identify a keyword in the input text expression, the parser to associate the input text expression to an information object associated with the keyword; and
a user output device to make the associated information object available to the user upon request.

2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an object database including the information objects and associated keywords, and supplemental information related to the information object, and
the user output device further to display the supplemental information upon user request.

3. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the user input device is an email program.

4. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the key words are recognized based on context.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the keywords comprise one or more of the following: names of persons, names of projects, times, and dates, ~~types of notes~~.

6. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the information objects comprise one or more of the following: lists, projects, contacts, e-mail addresses, enclosed document identifiers, and events.

7. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the information objects are located in another application.

8. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the information objects are in a contacts database.

9. (Previously Added) A method comprising:
receiving natural language input text;
parsing the input text to identify at least one keyword within the input text;
identifying an information object associated with the at least one keyword; and
associating the information object associated with the keyword with the input text.

10. (Previously Added) The method of claim 9, wherein the keyword is identified based on context.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:
storing a plurality of information objects, associated keywords, and supplemental information related to the information object in a database; and

displaying the supplemental information on the user output device upon user request.

12. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the user input device is an email program.

B1 13. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the keywords comprise one or more of the following: names of persons, names of projects, times, and dates.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the information objects comprise one or more of the following: lists, projects, contacts, e-mail addresses, enclosed document identifiers, and events.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the information objects are located in another application.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the information objects are in a contacts database.

17. (New) A computer system comprising:
an email program to receive an input text expression from a user;
a parser to identify a keyword in the input text expression, the parser to associate the input text expression to an information object associated with the keyword; and
the email program to make the associated information object available to the user upon request.

18. (New) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the keyword is identified based on context.

b1 19. (New) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the information objects comprise one or more of the following: lists, projects, contacts, e-mail addresses, enclosed document identifiers, and events.

20. (New) The computer system of claim 17, further comprising:
an application having a plurality of information objects; and
a database associating the information objects with the keywords.
